

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A portable communication device for at least mono-directional communication with a terminal, comprising:
 - a micro-module, comprising a chip; and
 - a reader configured to receive the micro-module,wherein the reader comprises an antenna of low or medium range type allowing the micro-module to transmit a radio-frequency (RF) communication to the terminal ~~when the antenna is placed in a vicinity of the terminal~~, and
wherein the antenna is held by the reader such that the micro-module is removable relative to the antenna.
2. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the micro-module ~~contains~~ comprises an external authentication marking element.
3. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the reader comprises a display and a keypad configured to interact with the chip.
4. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the reader comprises a USB connector configured to connect contacts of the micro-module to an external appliance.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the reader further comprises a memory component.
7. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the RF communication is of type ISO 14443 type A.

8. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the RF communication is of type ISO 14443 type B.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising an audio/visual man/machine interface configured to transmit a signal in response to establishment of communication with an external appliance.
12. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 11, wherein the audio/visual man/machine interface is a LED (light-emitting diode).
13. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 11, wherein the audio/visual man/machine interface is a micro-buzzer.
14. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 11, wherein the audio/visual man/machine interface is a vibrator.
15. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 11, wherein the audio/visual man/machine interface is a display.
16. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising:
an independent source of electrical energy rechargeable by an energy transfer device without galvanic contact.
17. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 16, wherein the independent source of electrical energy uses magnetic induction as a medium for transferring energy.

18. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 16, wherein the independent source of electrical energy uses light as a medium for transferring energy and photovoltaic cells for converting energy.
19. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 16, wherein the independent source of electrical energy uses an electromagnetic field as a medium for transferring energy and a second antenna as an energy conversion system.
20. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a switch placed on the antenna wherein communication may be established only by activating the switch.
21. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein communication is inactive and consumes substantially no energy before the device enters a field in an immediate vicinity of an external appliance.
22. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the RF communication is of Near Field Communication (NFC) type.
23. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a display device, wherein the display device is controlled by the chip through a display driver stored and executed in the chip.
24. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a memory component configured to store encrypted private data, wherein the chip is configured to decrypt the encrypted private data to obtain decrypted private data using a secret stored in the chip.
25. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device of claim 24, wherein the decrypted private data is used to obtain access, by a holder of the portable communication device, to one selected from the group consisting of a secured resource and a secured location.

26. (New) A portable communication device for at least mono-directional communication with a terminal, comprising:
- a micro-module, comprising a chip; and
 - a reader configured to receive the micro-module,
- wherein the reader comprises an antenna allowing the micro-module to transmit a radio-frequency (RF) communication to the terminal, and
- wherein the antenna is held by the reader such that the micro-module is removable relative to the antenna.
27. (New) The portable communication device of claim 26, wherein the antenna is of one selected from a group consisting of a low range type and a medium range type.
28. (New) The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the micro-module comprises at least one selected from a group consisting of a contact interface and a proximity antenna to enable the micro-module to transmit radiofrequency RF communication to the reader antenna.
29. (New) The portable communication device of claim 26, wherein the micro-module comprises at least one selected from a group consisting of a contact interface and a proximity antenna to enable the micro-module to transmit radiofrequency RF communication to the reader antenna.